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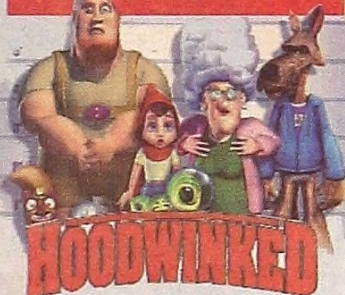
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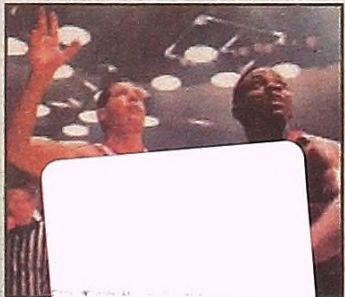
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Mayor's address lauds city investment

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Development, recreation, blight, business development, housing and finances were the talk of the day as Mayor Alan Lambert gave his "State of the City" address to throngs of interested officials and residents Tuesday afternoon.

The 20-minute speech, delivered at the Airport Marriott Hotel, was sponsored by the Romulus Chamber of Commerce.

"I am honored to be here today representing you as mayor for another term," he said to the crowd. "The voters showed their overwhelming approval of what is happening in Romulus and want us to continue our drive into the future."

Lambert spoke about many issues he felt needed to be addressed in the next four years in addition to the state of affairs today.

Many of those issues dealt with the need

for more retail, industrial and residential investment in the city.

"More than a billion dollars worth of investment has been committed to our city in the past four years alone," he said. "And with these new developments, we are poised to bring over \$1.2 billion in investment and over 8,000 new jobs to Romulus and southeastern Michigan. That's a clear statement by the business community confidence in Romulus."

A great number of those new jobs are in the gaming field. Under Lambert's watch the city signed a deal with the Traverse City-based Indian Hannahville Indian Tribe, which will bring about 3,000 jobs to the city.

Efforts to bring business and development into the city have been successful despite a sluggish economy. For many years, Romulus was not able to capitalize on opportunities for investment in the way other airport communities can. But all of that has changed,

Lambert said.

"Our city has been uncommonly blessed by a strong participation from the private sector, particularly in recent years," he said. "And that has made the difference in our ability to reverse the kind of outflow of capital and people Detroit and many other Wayne County suburbs are currently experiencing."

But business and revenue are as important to many lifestyle issues that have also discouraged potential residents from living in the city. There has been progress in those areas, too, Lambert said.

"In 2004, we announced plans for the new senior citizens center," he said. "In 2006, we now have a beautiful, quality facility where our seniors can participate in our city's array of programs and services. In fact, our grand opening is this Friday."

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Members of the Romulus Step Team (above) rehearsed for several weeks for their routine to help mark the celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday. They are: Briana Bray, Shanete Cotton, Caremen Coleman, Tiffany Claiborne, Merrika Brown, Tatiana Gray and Brittini Brown. Members of the athletic department including (left to right): LaBritney Franklin, Jena Paisley and Kevanna Smith served refreshments at the event.



March, ceremony commemorate hero

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Many of those who gathered at Romulus Middle School to take part in a symbolic walk to remember the life of Dr. Martin Luther King are not old enough to remember the Civil Rights movement.

But the walk – which began at 8:30 a.m. at the middle school and ended at Romulus High

School a short time later – was just the beginning of a daylong series of events designed to remember the contributions the slain minister.

Mayor Alan Lambert, who has been involved in the community event for about five years, said the ceremony was a chance to remember Dr. King's message of equality and reflect on shared ideals.

"We look forward to this every

year," he said. "We have a very diverse community, and this is one way we can get together and talk about this great man and the social changes that have occurred."

Called "Living the Dream, Within and Without," the event was planned several weeks in advance by school and city officials as well as community lead-

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2 arrested in Wayne man's death

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

A months-old altercation between two teenage girls was the catalyst that led to the fatal shooting of a Wayne man on Jan. 10, police said.

Romulus police said Kenny Davis, 20, died at the hands of a childhood friend who eluded police for nearly two days before he turned himself in to authorities.

Roderick Poole, 20 of Romulus, was arrested Jan. 12 after he walked into the Romulus Police Department. He is charged with first-degree murder in the death of Davis, who was shot dead at a home on the 6100 block of Dexter Street at about 4:30 p.m. That was when the men argued about a fight that their sisters had and some threats that had occurred.

"Kenny was arguing with Roderick Poole at the home of a third party about his 18-year-old sister and the victim's 17-year-old sister, who had a fight about a month ago," said Det. Sgt. Jeff Lazarski of the Romulus Police Department. "Kenny had unexpectedly shown up at the home... Roderick pulled out a handgun. It went off, and struck Kenny in the chest."

Roderick Poole's sister, Whitney, was also in the home at

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Bill would close gap in state school spending

Andrea King
Staff Writer

When voters approved Proposal A in the late 1990s, school officials hoped the new law would end the yo-yo effect of state education funding, particularly the per-pupil foundation grant. But that has yet to be the case.

State Rep. Phil LaJoy (R-Canton) said he wants to change that.

He is proposing legislation—House Bill 4828—that would increase per-pupil funding for area school districts that are performing well and are surrounded by schools that receive more money, he said.

"It's the start of filling the promise of Proposal A. When it was adopted the whole intent was to balance funding out," he said. "If you look around the state the per-pupil funding is all different. The goal (of Proposal A) was eventually to have everyone catch-up, but because of the economy over the years, it hasn't been able to do that. My goal is to try to bring some kind of furnish to all the districts."

LaJoy, who represents the Van Buren, Wayne-Westland and the Plymouth-Canton Public School Districts, said he would start the process with the Plymouth-Canton schools.

Currently, Wayne-Westland and Van Buren school districts receive a higher per-pupil fund-

ing than the Plymouth/Canton district. Wayne-Westland receives \$7,571 per-student, Van Buren gets \$7,390 and Plymouth-Canton receives \$7,200.

"It's about finding a way we can use monies and bridge the gap so that Van Buren can be raised up, Plymouth-Canton can be raised and Wayne-Westland, too," said LaJoy.

Early last year, the State Senate approved a \$12.8 billion K-12 proposal that increased the minimum amount of funding per student from \$6,700 to \$6,875. For the Plymouth-Canton Community School District, that meant an increase at the start of the 2005-06 school year of about \$175 per child. The funds were the first the district received since the 2001-02 school year.

"Plymouth-Canton and Van Buren are using creative ways to save money now, but we want the kids to learn and all the districts to be efficient," said LaJoy.

Patricia Brand, district assistant superintendent of business services, said that rising retirement and health care costs have eaten up money. She said \$110 went to retirement, while \$106 went to health care costs. Another \$94 went to utilities in the district.

"We have great teachers, great parents, and some very bright kids," said Brand. "They're the reason we've been able to perform well while are funds are significantly less than other dis-



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State Rep. Phil LaJoy

tricts."

In recent years, Plymouth-Canton has reduced spending in excess of \$7 million. Brand said her district needs additional funding to compete with neighboring districts, such as Ann Arbor and Livonia.

"We want our students to have the same opportunities as kids in other districts because they have

to compete for jobs and colleges with students in (Ann Arbor and Livonia)," she said. "Our parents have great expectations for their kids, and we want them to have the opportunity to excel in life."

Brand also helped LaJoy with the proposal last year by providing him with expenditures in specific areas. She said anything the representative can do would benefit her district greatly.

As part of the legislation, LaJoy is also tying per-pupil funding into school performance and efficiency factors. As it stands now, more money is not given to districts that perform better, but LaJoy would like to see that change.

"The classroom is where kids learn and if the performance indicators aren't there, then what are we doing," said LaJoy. "So with that, I don't know how you can take performance and efficiency out of the equation."

Linda Olson, director of personnel for the Van Buren Public School District, said she thinks it's critical to know how adequate performance will be determined. The bill does not address the dilemma with the huge difference in the foundation allowance, she said.

"From what I see now there is a relationship between the socio-economics of a community and in turn they have a higher per-pupil foundation grant and school performance. There's a great disparity between the ones that qualify

for a minimum and the wealthier school districts that have almost twice that," said Olson. "The majority of the per-pupil in the lower districts is \$6,875 and in the higher districts, like Bloomfield and Birmingham, it's around \$12,130. So there you can just begin to understand why certain districts offer better services, smaller class sizes, more technology and the list goes on."

"If you have districts that receive \$6,875 per-pupil and the districts around are receiving more, then you see those students going there by way of schools of choice," she added. "The state legislatures should work on that difference, particularly in these economic times."

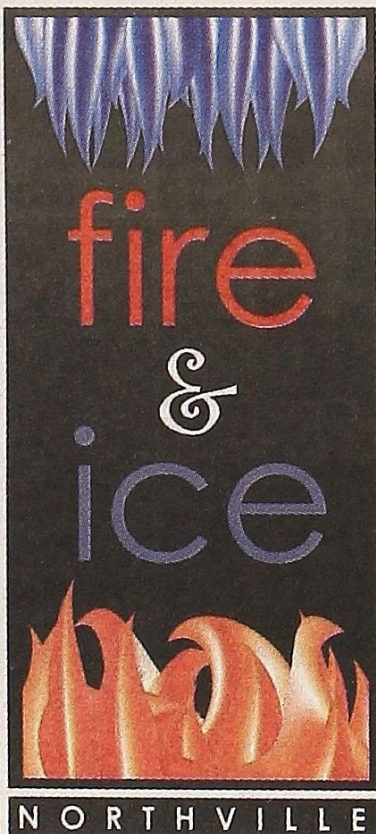
Gregory Baracy, superintendent of the Wayne-Westland Community School District, said the district would be keeping an eye on the legislation.

"We're monitoring the bill just as we're monitoring a number of other bills," he said.

House Bill 4828 is still in the preliminary stages and will be heard in the house in March.

"It's like trying to climb a mountain," said LaJoy. "We're trying to get more money for the schools and no other legislation, that comes to my mind, has set-up a program like this. I feel really good about this. You have to start somewhere."

Meghan Chatham and Jason Carmel Davis contributed to this story.



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Taking a dive

Romulus Middle School students recently tried out SCUBA diving courtesy of Another World Diving Center in Dearborn Heights. Here (first row), Deonte Carter, Aaron Little, Matthew Buhuerkemper, and (second row) Dain Whorton, Curon Bradford, and Lavonna Myles join Melissa Galvan, Kristins Mercer and Danielle Cox at the dive center.

News briefs

Natural gas contracts under review

The increasing costs of natural gas for municipalities is causing many to look into alternative pricing or less expensive services.

Romulus is currently in discussions with Davco Associates, a company that provides the delivery of gas at a fixed rate that would not go up for the life of any contract signed by the city.

Davco's rate would be lower than the current Consumer's Energy rate, and would save the city money over time, according to the proposal submitted Jan. 10.

Council members agreed to discuss the matter at a future meeting, and will explore how much money could be saved by changing providers. Council members could vote on the proposal next month.

Police seek to recover costs

Drunk drivers are going to pay a lot more out of pocket expenses in 2006, according to a plan approved by the Romulus City Council Jan. 10.

Romulus Public Safety Director Charles Kirby said his department would seek to raise fines on drunk drivers to help pay the costs of housing offenders.

Kirby said that the department was neglectful in raising fees in the past to cover the hourly pay rates and prisoner costs associated with drunk drivers as these costs incrementally increased during the past several years.

The current fines were based on wages from several years ago, Kirby said. The new rates will raise costs to drivers under the influence by about \$100, depending on the resources used to maintain a prisoner, according to the recommendations submitted to council.

The council unanimously approved the plan.

Card game to benefit conservation efforts

The Huron Valley Conservation Association is sponsoring a Texas Hold 'Em tournament a 2 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 28, to raise money for programs designed to protect and enhance green areas in municipalities near the Huron Valley.

The game will cost players \$30 to join, and the top player will win a \$500 prize. Black Jack and other games of chance will be played during the tournament.

The tournament will take place at the VFW Hall on Huron River and Hannan Roads in Romulus. Refreshments will be served.

Mayor - Lifestyle issues are key to success, demolition, development on target

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The city also broke ground on a new recreation facility in 2005, and Lambert said he felt that was a great achievement for the city.

"More than 200 people attended the groundbreaking for our new state-of-the-art recreation center located at the corner of Wayne and Northline roads," he said, "the new center is being financed with TIFA (Tax Increment Financing Authority) funding at no increase in taxes to Romulus residents.

One of Lambert's campaign promises when he defeated Mayor William Oakley in 2001 -

to tear down blighted structures - is also on track, he said. He cites the creation of "Operation Fresh Look" for the success.

"Since 2001, we have demolished over 200 blighted, unsafe structures," he said. "We often hear from residents on how much better they feel, about Romulus with the blighted and dilapidated buildings being demolished and new structures being built."

Environmental issues - which have been in the forefront of news in the city because the state granted an operating license to EDS Disposal to operate an injection well near the airport - were also highlighted. Lambert

did not speak about the well.

"In keeping with our ordinance, we have cut down thousands of acres of noxious weeds," he said.

Downtown development will remain a priority under Lambert's new term, he said.

"We are doing everything we can to bring new business to the (downtown) area," he said. "So far, we have a thriving grocery store, in the Romulus Market Place and many other new businesses."

Lambert thanked many staffers and elected officials for their hard work and continued advocacy or the city in what is a difficult economic climate.

Councilman Harry Crout said the speech was indicative of what is happening in the city.

"I think Alan covered all the bases," he said. "He didn't talk about the injection well, but that's over. We fought that battle for 15 years, and the courts decided that one. He spoke about the development and the recreation center and how much things are improving, and I think that's very much what is actually happening here."

Lambert, 51, is a former city councilman and Romulus police officer. He was re-elected for a second term defeating former Councilwoman Debbie Romak in November.

Death - Brothers and sister face charges in shooting of man's childhood friend

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the time of the incident. "He gave the gun to Whitney and they left the home," he said.

Several people in the home at the time of the shooting called 911, but it was too late: the gunshot, fired at point blank range, immediately killed Davis, Lazarski said.

Whitney Poole, 18, was arrested hours after the incident, but her brother remained elusive for

36 hours while seven detectives searched for him, Lazarski said.

"We had quite a few men on it. But eventually, his mother was able to locate him after 22 hours, and she convinced him to come to the police department," he said.

The search for Roderick Poole's handgun, however, is ongoing.

"(Roderick Poole) told us he threw the gun in a field to get rid of it, but we searched the field

extensively and we found nothing," Lazarski said.

Both Roderick and Whitney Poole are charged in Davis' death.

Roderick Poole was charged with first-degree murder, felony murder and felony firearms Jan. 14 at the 34th District Court in Romulus. If convicted, he will face life in prison without the possibility of parole. The firearms charge adds an automatic two-year addition to any

sentence.

Whitney Poole was charged with accessory after the fact to murder, a five-year-felony. Judge Melethios Golematis allowed her release on a personal bond.

Roderick Poole was remanded to the Wayne County Jail until his next court date. Both will return to court for a pre-trial examination at 9 a.m. Jan. 25.

Davis' death is the first homicide in the City of Romulus in more than a year.

King - Event teaches young people importance of past racial struggles

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ers. It is one of only a handful of King events open to the public. This year, good weather combined with the recent death of Rosa Parks nearly doubled the attendance from 100 residents to about 190, organizers said.

Residents were welcomed to the high school auditorium by the Rev. William Kren of Romulus United Methodist Church and enjoyed several speakers, including Lambert, Schools Superintendent Joel Carr, the Rev. Rita Talley of First Baptist Church and the Rev. Frank Howard of Living Rock Church. A trio of Romulus high school students - Michael Hudson, LaJoya Rush, and

Tatiana Gray - sang the national anthem.

Entertainment was provided by the Romulus High School Diamonds dance team and the Romulus Community Choir. Students from Merriman and Romulus elementary schools spoke about Dr. King's life and goals in separate presentations. Students gave another presentation and played a video tribute honoring Rosa Parks.

Though the event is largely to commemorate Dr. King, it is also an opportunity to discuss the Civil Rights Movement and how it's impact is felt today.

Winifred Wafer, a special education teacher and transition coordinator at Romulus High School said it's vitally important

to keep issues of race and ethnic equality in the forefront because young people are often far removed from the Civil Rights movement of the 1960s.

"It's important that kids learn as much as they can about (King and Parks), because they sacrificed more than we can understand to stand up for their rights and ours," she said. "Students need to understand how far we've come. And they also need to be able to recognize some of the things we still have trouble with, like discrimination, so they can address that, but not dwell on it."

A national hero of the Civil Rights movement, Dr. King was - and still is - the youngest winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, which

he won in 1964. He traveled the country from 1957 until his death speaking about racial equality in education, employment, housing and a variety of other areas, and was directly responsible for the Montgomery Bus Boycott, which led to the U.S. Supreme Court ruling that bus segregation was unconstitutional.

Lynelle Stewart, a recent college graduate who attended the event with her 1-year-old sister, Allison, said she thinks it's important young people attend events like this because we still have something to learn from the past.

"I hope this program continues for many years to come," she said. "I would hope it's still around when my sister is old enough (to understand)."

OPINION

Prepare for success

There's a move under way to strengthen the requirements needed to graduate from public high school.

These new requirements are designed to increase the marketability of graduating students and better prepare them for a productive role in society. They require more math and science and communication classes and still provide some flexibility for non-traditional students, too.

It's about time.

State Schools Superintendent Mike Flanagan has been touting the positives of the plan, which the state board of education approved last month, but which the legislature has yet to act on. He's passionate about the changes and believes they're essential in improving the educational experience for our students and to help spur on economic recovery. An educated workforce, he theorizes, will help draw more high-tech companies to the state.

We can't help but agree with that. It's clear that the old days of dominance by the Big Three Automakers may one day be a thing of the past. It makes sense to try to change things now, rather than wait for that to happen. Even if it doesn't, it makes sense to try to diversify the workforce, anyway.

Critics of the plan call it yet another unfounded mandate passed on to local school districts by the state or federal government. They worry where the additional math and science teachers will come from, and how they will meet this challenge, if it's put into effect beginning this autumn.

We're optimistic, though, and have the utmost confidence in our locally elected boards to help make this happen. Maybe the need will bring more non-traditional students back to college to pursue teaching degrees in math or science. Perhaps that will prove yet another economic stimulus.

The bottom line is, though, that the additional requirements are needed if Michigan is going to stay competitive and a desirable place to raise a family. Anything short will be preparing the state – and our students – for failure, rather than success.

Council made correct choice

The City of Westland could do a lot worse than continue its contract with Painter and Ruthenberg, its waste hauler of more than 30 years.

They could throw more money at the problem, trusting in a bigger name company to ease the complaints that P & R has dealt with during the past year. Or they could go with someone untried, trusting that the unknown would be better than the known.

We like the idea of sticking with 'the little guy.'

It's cheaper for the city, for one thing, and that savings will trickle down to residents.

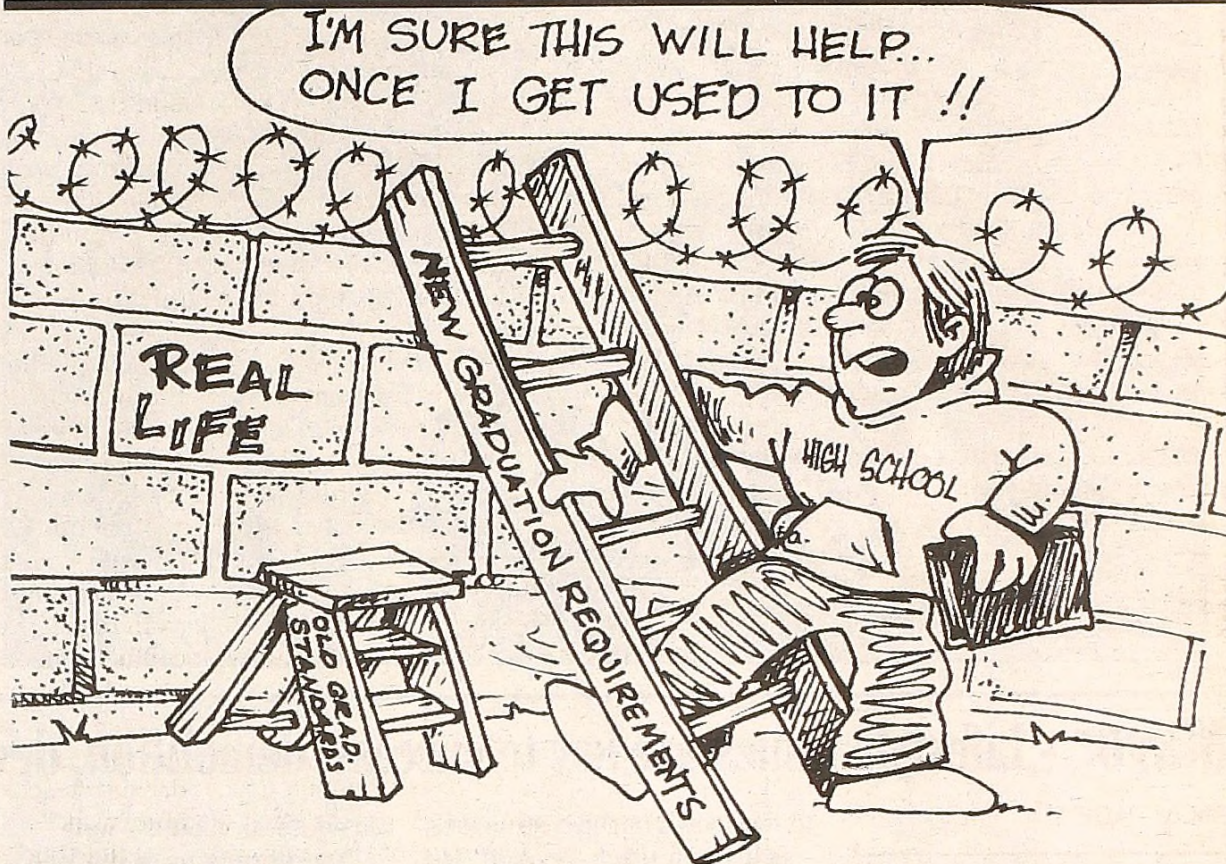
We can't help but root for the underdog, either, and here's a family-owned business trying to hold its own against the big guys, the larger firms that have the bottom line to draw from, to ensure their equipment is top notch and excuses are minimal.

Painter and Ruthenberg may not be a perfect company. They've had their problems during the past year, but what small company has not? Like any other firm, they're only as good as the equipment they use and the people they employ. They've responded to the issues brought up by city officials as best they can and made those improvements. We think they deserve another chance.

We also like their involvement in the community. They're not just a company that comes in, hauls away the unmentionables and moves to another town. They're visible at events, charitable in their donations, and civic minded in other ways, too.

Given that obvious sentimentality, though, city officials did a

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The passion of the very impatient

I wrote this column before I had a chance to sit through the final presentation from Andrews University, the polished results of a semester-long urban planning and design studio that focused on downtown Wayne.

Part of that is our production cycle here at the paper; we go to press on Tuesday night and writing the story about the presentation and my thoughts about it after the fact would simply be too much to do before the presses started up.

Before anyone accuses me of pulling a Mitch Albom, though, and talking about specific details of something that happened before I witnessed it, let me tell you that this isn't about the particulars of that presentation, but rather the general concepts behind it.

And it's about something else that has colored my opinions about Wayne and some of the projects that have – or haven't – taken off since I arrived in this town, first as a reporter and editor, and later as a resident.

That is passion and impatience.

I am passionate about this town and impatient to see things done. Maybe it's a combination of the short temper I was born with and the nine years I've spent working under a deadline. Or maybe the years of being forced to come up with

an opinion about something have made me opinionated about everything and unable to keep my mouth shut long enough to think things through. Or maybe some perverse part of me likes the dirty glares I sometimes get when I go into city hall; or appreciates the humor of planning commissioners who no longer go out of their way to shake my hand.

These two things, though, mean that there is one thing that I can predict about the Andrews University presentation and the actions that the city administration takes to follow up on it: it won't happen fast enough.

There may be plenty of other residents out there that take this philosophy, too. They may see an apparent lack of action as an unwillingness to follow through on the plan and then wonder what the city spent their money on.

I have to caution against this, though. In this case, a lack of immediate action doesn't translate into a lack of desire to follow through on the many concepts in the plan that would help the city move forward. It's more likely that the concepts the students talk about, while designed to

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Mentoring is learning on the job

This month has been declared mentoring month by Gov. Jennifer Granholm.

And what does that mean, being a mentor?

That's the question I asked myself about six months ago. I found part of the answer through the Northville Youth Assistance Volunteer Mentor Program.

I had been telling myself for awhile that I wanted to help people who really needed it, not be so selfish and actually take the time to put my thoughts into action. So I did. I signed up to volunteer as a mentor and was ready to spread my words of wisdom to the youth of America.

Thankfully, the program offers training.

Each session we learned different social skills and scenarios to take with us on our mentoring journey. We talked about what to say, what to do and mostly, to just be ourselves.

At one point I wondered "How can I be an adviser to someone else when I have so many questions of my own? I'm still learning the ways of the world, too."

I found out that, truthfully, there is no manual that can tell you or show you how to be a mentor. It's all about going out there and doing it.

One of the hardest questions that they asked me during the training program was "Other than

your mom and dad, who was a mentor to you growing up?"

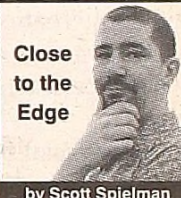
Honestly, no one really came to mind. Maybe that, too, is why I decided to become a mentor: I want to be someone another young adult can count on. And, as cheesy as it may sound, I want to help them be the best person they can be.

Although volunteering as a mentor is not about me, I still have so many expectations and questions about the experience: Will my 'mentee' like me? Will we get along? Will I be able to give or teach them something new? Will they look back on the times we shared as a good experience or a bad one?

I have yet to be matched up with someone, but I anxiously await the opportunity. Somehow though, I have a feeling that I will be the one who learns more from the experience.

A mentor is defined as a friend or wise adviser, but really it's so much more than that.

In reality, I think a mentor is someone who is there for you, someone who cares, someone who is honest, someone who is loyal, someone who's not going to judge you and someone who, in the end, will give you ever-lasting guidance and friendship.



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Letters

To the editor:

I would like to offer a few comments regarding the movie review of 'Brokeback Mountain.'

I quote the following: 'The men then meet every few years to rekindle what was discovered on the mountain, both cognizant of the fact that, in 1963, the nature of their relationship needs to remain secret.'

Of course their relationship needed to remain a secret. What was unlawful, immoral and scandalous then is today approved, glorified and taught in our schools.

The human mind is being poisoned by amoral, humanistic, nihilistic, cynical outlook on human behavior, wholly divorced

from any concept of right or wrong. We have become so tolerant of sin and sinfulness that we have lost our capacity to protest and rebel against plain indecency and moral rotteness.

This movie, recommended by the reviewer, includes tacit approval of same-sex relationships, adultery, brief sex scenes, partial nudity, profanity, alcohol and brief drug use, a gruesome description of a murder and some domestic violence.

Central to the moral crisis of our time is the lack of recognition than any moral problem exists.

Barb Schmid,
Canton Township

Passion

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be doable, will take time to put into motion. Let's face it, if you take 16 post-graduate architect and urban design students and give them a whole semester to plan a future for a downtown, the end result will be comprehensive enough to require some time to go through, let alone get started on.

Still, city officials can do a few easy things to forestall this attitude. They can

take a few of the proposals and discuss them at their upcoming goal-setting session for the year. They can schedule a few study sessions to further break down the plan. They can revisit it throughout the year as different aspects of it are discussed or implemented or, for one reason or another, cast aside.

I like what I've seen of the preliminary concepts and I know people in city hall do, too. I've seen the excitement and I don't think it's feigned. Even so, it may take some time to get some of the ideas off the ground. So this time, I will try to contain my passion, or at least tether it with a little more patience.

Trash

FROM PAGE 4

smart thing by spelling out some particulars in the new contract. They put in writing their desire to see more new trucks on the streets and more trucks in general on heavier volume days. This may be a situation that Painter and Ruthenberg will get some help in; as other communities opt for other firms, they'll be freed up to concentrate on Westland and be able to provide the better services that residents demand and officials expect.

At a time when every

municipality has to keep a close eye on the bottom line and the services they provide to residents, it's a difficult task to weigh sentimentality for the hometown company over the practicality of municipal government and service. We think the City of Westland did a good job toeing that line here, though. They've addressed their concerns with the company, stood up for the little guy and left themselves a practical back door, too.

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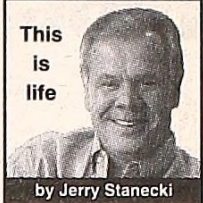
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Block grant money moved to rehabilitation fund

Andrea King
Staff Writer

Van Buren Township will take a new approach in the future use of some of the federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds.

At a second public hearing last week regarding the 2006-2007 allocation, the remaining \$59,850 was reallocated to the Housing and Rehabilitation Loan Program. Township trustees approved the measure and the funds will now be part of the township housing revolving loan fund.

According to Steve Pugsley, zoning and planning administrator for the township, there are

enough applicants on the waiting list for housing rehabilitation loans to use these funds before March 2006.

"The county has notified us that we have until March 30 to spend this money or it will revert back to the county," he said. "If we reprogram the funds to the Homeownership Assistance Program we can also request an extension from the county for more time to spend the money."

The funds will go into a Homeowners Assistance Program, which could, for example, enable a township family to purchase a larger home with more square footage.

"This request came from

Father John Hagen asking to establish a program to provide assistance to eligible families to purchase a home," said Pugsley. "I found that Inkster uses their CDBG funds for this program that pays half the down payment or closing costs for a low to moderate income family to purchase a larger home with more bedrooms."

The program could also benefit Van Buren Township residents because the current Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regulations for the housing rehabilitation program do not allow adding on a bedroom to a smaller home. The township zoning ordinance requires a minimum of 1,250 square feet of living space in a

detached single family home, but many homes in the township were built before this requirement and are 1,000 square feet or less. Therefore, an eligible family of four or five living in a home with only two bedrooms may be able to purchase a home with three bedrooms under the Homeownership Assistance Program, Pugsley said.

A typical project ranges between \$5,000-\$10,000. The county also administers a first time buyers program for eligible families who have never owned a home.

Pugsley said he would continue to research the program to bring back to the township board

in the future.

The CDBG is a program funded by the federal government and HUD. In the past, funds have gone toward housing youth services and camps, handicapped accessible areas and the parks and recreation department.

This year, funds will go toward community services including the "Taking it to the Streets" and camp programs; senior services, which include a new bus and administrative costs; public safety for the new road patrol program; planning for the parks and recreation master plan; administration and housing rehabilitation. In total, the township will receive \$182,000 from the county program.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD DECEMBER 27, 2005 IN THE ROMULUS CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem, Randolph Gear.

Present: John Barden, Ellen Craig Bragg, Leroy Burcroff, Harry Crout, Randolph Gear, William Wadsworth.

Excused: William Crova.

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

Alan Lambert, Mayor

Linda R Choate, CMC, Clerk

Pamela Morrison-Kersey, CMFA, Treasurer

1. Motion by Burcroff supported by Wadsworth to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-501

2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Bragg to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held December 12, 2005.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

3. None.

05-502

4A1. Motion by Bragg, supported by Burcroff to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Milton Barden Jr. beloved brother of Councilman John Barden.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Bragg to accept the Chairperson's Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-503

5A. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Barden to concur with the request of the administration and schedule a Study Session on Monday, January 23, 2006 at 6:30 p.m., to be held in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan, 48174 for the purpose of the Audit presentation for the year ending June 30, 2005.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-504

5B. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Bragg to authorize payment to the Michigan Municipal League for the 2006 Annual Membership dues in the amount of \$6,588.00.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-505

5C. Motion by Barden, supported by Burcroff to award Bid 05/06-17 Official Newspaper to Journal Newspapers (The Romulus Roman) at a per column inch price of \$5.04.

Roll Call Vote Showing: ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-506

5D. Motion by Bragg, supported by Barden to concur with the administration and grant authorization to wend Bid 04/05-15 Ice Melter with Lower Huron Chemical at an increase of \$0.50 per 501b. Bag for the 05/06 season.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff Crout, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-507

5E. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to concur with the administration and grant authorization to purchase radio and technology equipment for the Mobile Incident Command Vehicle in the amount of \$22,195.00, with funds to be reimbursed through the 2005 Buffer Zone Protection Program Grant.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-508

6A1. Motion by Burcroff supported by Barden to approve second reading and final adoption of Budget Amendments 05/06-17 and 05/06-18 introduced at the Council meeting held on December 12, 2005.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-509

6A2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to concur with the Property Disposition Committee to let bids on sixteen (16) city owned parcels in the Ecorse City Community Subdivision contingent on the following additional requirements:

1. Lots shall be put out as a single bid/package with the intent that the parcels be grouped with adjacent parcels for large-scale development. Individual bids individual parcels will not be considered.
2. All property being conveyed shall be subject to the following or similar reversionary language and deed and use restrictions (to be included on quit claim deed and run with the land).

If commencement of actual construction of any development does not occur within 36 months of the date of this deed the properties will revert back to the City of Romulus. Commencement of construction shall mean all of the following:

- a) A building permit has been issued for development; and
- b) The physical construction of building foundations has commenced.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-510

FYI. Motion by Burcroff supported by Crout to send correspondence to Congressman John Dingell, Congressman Mike Rogers, Congressman Bart Stupak and Representative Hoon-Yung Hopgood in support of local control of cable franchising and too make sure that the Broadband Internet Transmission Service (BITS) legislation the Commerce Committee is working on does NOT harm Michigan's Metro Act.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

6C. No Action Taken.

05-511

11. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crout to authorize the City Treasurer to disburse funds of Warrant 05-24 in the grand total amount of Five Hundred Seventy Seven Thousand, Six Hundred Nineteen Dollars and Thirty Cents (\$577,619.30).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

12. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Bragg to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Linda R. Choate, CMC,
Clerk City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Linda R. Choate, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held December 27, 2005.

Linda R. Choate,
Clerk City of Romulus, Michigan

Publish: January 19, 2006

High marks

Proposed changes to high school curriculum explained to parents

Scott Spielman
Editor

School officials said proposed changes in the high school curriculum are a step in the right direction, but many still had some concerns about them.

That was the message school officials and concerned parents gave Mike Flanagan, superintendent of public instruction for the State of Michigan and State Sen. Bruce Patterson (R-Canton) at a town hall meeting last week.

Patterson sponsored the meeting to get some feedback about the proposed changes, which were approved by the State Board of Education on Dec. 15 but have yet to be enacted by the state legislature.

"My number one issue continues to be education," Patterson said.

The changes would provide more structure to high school curriculums and force students to take more math and science classes. If approved, it would go into effect in 2006, so incoming freshmen this year would be the first class that would have to follow the new curriculum. Flanagan said the time to put the new requirements into place was sooner, rather than later.

"If this recommendation goes into effect after March, it's still going to only affect this year's ninth graders," he said. "It's still the graduating class of 2010."

The new requirements call for four years of math, including Algebra II and geometry as well as another math-related class. Currently only one-third of school districts require Algebra I, and most of those are in the Detroit metro area, according to Flanagan.

Three years of science would also be required, including biology, physics or chemistry. Three years of social studies would replace the current standard, which is often little more than a civics class and four years of English, including a variety of reading, writing and communication classes.

Flanagan said the proposal was necessary because, state wide, studies indicated that as many as 25 percent of students drop out of high school. Impending

changes will make the ACT test mandatory, too, which will help more students set their sights higher.

"You're going to find a lot of kids that think they can go to college that didn't think that before," he said.

Another reason was to help spur economic development in the state. He said large firms don't always just look at factors like tax rates and other business incentives when they're searching out places to locate or construct large factories.

"They're looking at the workforce," he told the crowd of about 60 people at Schoolcraft College last week. "The image of the manufacturing industry, like it or not, is of union workers that are uneducated."

Flanagan said better educated workers are needed in the changing marketplace.

Some school board officials voiced concerns about the cost of maintaining the new curriculum. Others wanted to know where the teachers would come from; math and science teachers are already at a premium.

Others wanted to make sure that all students were taken into account, bad – and good.

"What are we going to do with the kids with the most potential?" asked Mary Anglea Winter, a teacher retired from the Van Buren school district. She pointed out that programs like Talented and Gifted were often targets of budget cuts. "It sends a message that these kids are not important; they're going to (succeed) anyway."

All said the changes were important, though.

"I applaud all of this," said Elaine Miller, a retired teacher. "I certainly hope it's possible to achieve. It has to be achieved."

"This is an issue that I'm really going to be relying on local school board members," he said. "The easy part is for me to cast a vote. We're all going to have to brainstorm on this. It's going to be a Herculean effort."

Suspects captured 5 minutes after robbery at Wayne pizzeria

Scott Spielman
Editor

Wayne police said a quick response helped them track down and arrest two suspects that allegedly robbed the Little Ceaser's pizzeria on Annapolis and Howe streets earlier this month.

The two suspects, Danny Fielhauer, 22, and Thomas Moomey, 19, were both bound over for trial after a preliminary examination on Jan. 17 at the 29th District Court in Wayne.

Police said the two Westland men waited outside the pizzeria before they went inside at about 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 4.

"One of them grabbed an employee and said: 'Give us the money,'" said Lt. Jason Wright of

the Wayne Police Department. "No weapon was implied."

The suspects took money from the registers and fled on foot, according to Wright.

Police were quickly on scene and they got a good description of the two men, according to Wright. From there it was a relatively simple – and fast – matter of tracking them down.

"We saturated the area and located them running through some nearby yards," Wright said. "It was about five minutes after the robbery."

A brief foot chase ensued, but police were able to apprehend the two men without further incident.

Both were charged with unarmed robbery, a 15-year felony.



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SPORTS

Elated Mustangs hold off Wildcats in thriller

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

It was seven years in the making, but the Northville Mustang cagers finally got what they deserved—a victory against arch-nemesis Novi.

Relief, happiness and pride were just some of the words that Northville Coach Darrel Schumacher used to describe his initial feelings after the 47-37 victory last Tuesday. "This was very nice win for us," he said. "We've lost to (Novi) so many times in the district finals it feels good to finally beat them. The kids played great defense and, when things got hectic, they held on and handled themselves very well."

It wasn't easy.

The game was neck-and-neck most of the way. The 'Stangs didn't pull away until late in the fourth, when Northville junior Alvin Storrs nailed a triple to give his team a 38-31 lead – and a much needed boost – with 4:52 left in the game.

At the 4:39 mark, Storrs made a diving steal and signaled for a timeout to retain possession. Then, 13 seconds later, senior Chris Lorente lost the ball but recovered it to make a basket and draw a foul. He knocked down the free throw, giving the Mustangs a 10-point lead, 41-31.

Things got hairy after Northville called a timeout with 2:15 left and turned the ball over twice on their two ensuing possessions. That allowed Novi to cut the lead to five, 43-38. With 55 seconds remaining Northville junior Bret

Spencer made the front end of a 1-and-1. He missed the back half, but Northville grabbed the rebound to regain possession and run out the time on Novi for the win.

The first quarter was knotted at 10 and Northville took a six-point advantage, 18-12, mid-way through the second frame. Turnovers and forced shots led to a 19-18 lead for the Wildcats.

Northville edged out a 31-29 lead at the end of three, sending the game into the high-tension fourth quarter.

Senior Doug Hasse led all scorers with 12, including 4-of-5 from the line, despite sitting out most of the fourth quarter. Storrs added 11. The rest of the team was balanced with Lorente adding six, senior Campy Smith and Spencer had five and seniors Nick Kaldis and Brandon Barkoski each had four. Kaldis was perfect from the charity stripe, hitting all four of his attempts.

A.W. Stanek led Novi with 11.

Northville 70, Churchill 53

Friday the 13th proved to be a lucky day for the Mustangs as they improved their undefeated record to 7-0 with a victory over a struggling Churchill team.

Eleven Mustangs scored—three in double figures—and all 13 players recorded playing time.

Northville put together a stellar first quarter, taking a 25-7 lead into the second. They carried a 16-point lead through the first half of the second until Churchill called a full timeout at 4:09. When the Chargers returned to the court they slowly narrowed the gap to 10 (34-24), but the

Mustangs went on a 7-0 run to finish the quarter, 41-24.

Storrs scored the first six points of the second half, giving the 'Stangs a 47-24 lead. Then, at the 3:48 point of the third, Hasse and Storrs made the highlight reel when Hasse stole the ball and passed it to a racing Storrs who laid it up on the glass for Hasse to slam it home.

In the fourth, Schumacher rotated in all his players and experimented with different line-ups including putting the 6-foot-6 sophomore Dan Kirkpatrick and the 5-foot-9 junior Phil Snow in at point guard. Kirkpatrick managed four points in the melee.

Storrs led Northville with 19. He has scored double figures in every contest this season, averaging 16 points a game.

Hasse added 14 and junior Andrew Manor hit for 11.

Churchill's Joe Hall led all scorers with 25, including six triples.

Starting 7-0 is exciting but is nothing to take for granted, according to Schumacher.

"This is a credit to all these young guys who are extremely competitive," he said about the 7-0 start. "They want to help each other and are excited about where they are, but we know that the next one will be harder and the one after that will be even harder."

The Mustangs will get their first home game after six on the road when they host the John Glenn Rockets at 7 p.m. tomorrow.

They head to Walled Lake Western on Tuesday.

Belbin, Agosto head to Olympics

Tanith Belbin and Ben Agosto won their third gold medal at the U.S. National Championships last week in St. Louis.

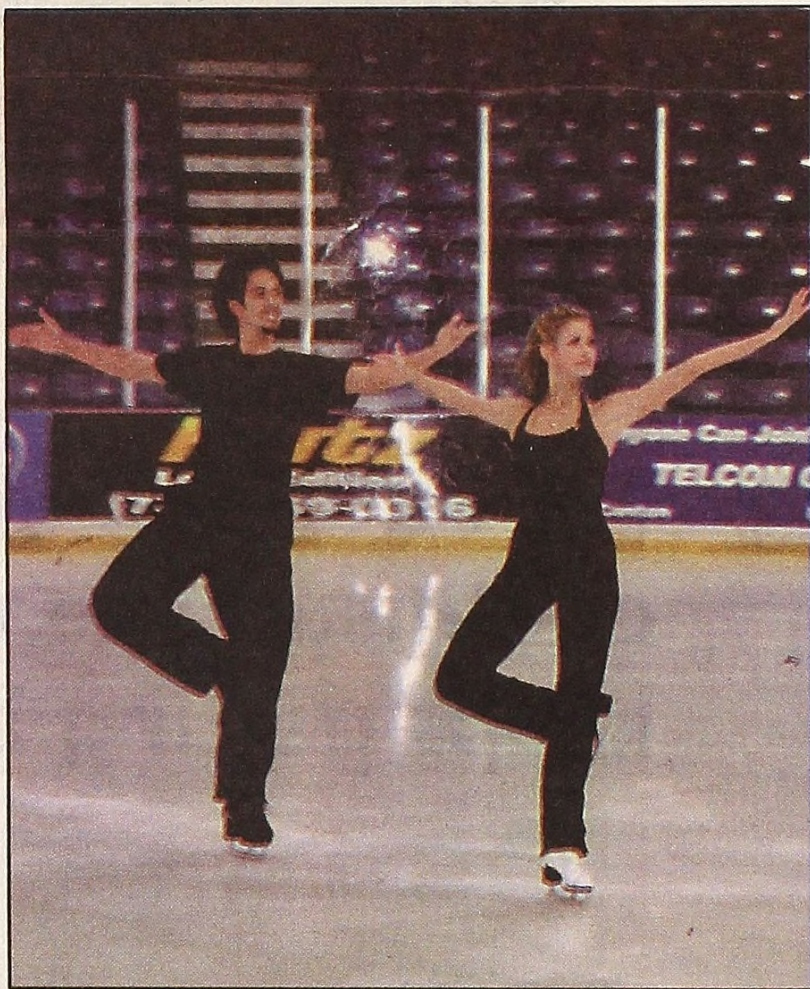
The ice dance duo practices at the Arctic Edge Ice Arena in Canton Township under the guidance of famed coach and choreographer Igor Shpilband. They skated strong in the three phases of the national competition, scoring 107.49 in the free dance for a total score of 215.29.

The victory also earned them a place on the U.S. Olympic Team, where they will have a chance to win a gold medal at the 2006 Winter Olympic Games next month in Torino, Italy.

Their chances for a trip to the Olympics were in limbo before nationals even got under way. The 21-year-old Canadian-born Belbin has lived and trained in this country since 1998 while fighting for citizenship. It never came. And because of her Canadian citizenship, Belbin and Agosto had to sit out the Olympic Winter Games in Salt Lake City four years ago.

However, that changed in December when both houses of Congress approved a bill containing a provision regarding citizenship for aliens of extraordinary ability, which qualified Belbin. On Dec. 30, President George W. Bush signed the bill, opening the door to Torino for the ice dancing phenoms.

Fellow ice dancers Ryan O'Meara and Jamie Silverstein are also headed to the Olympics. They also train part time in



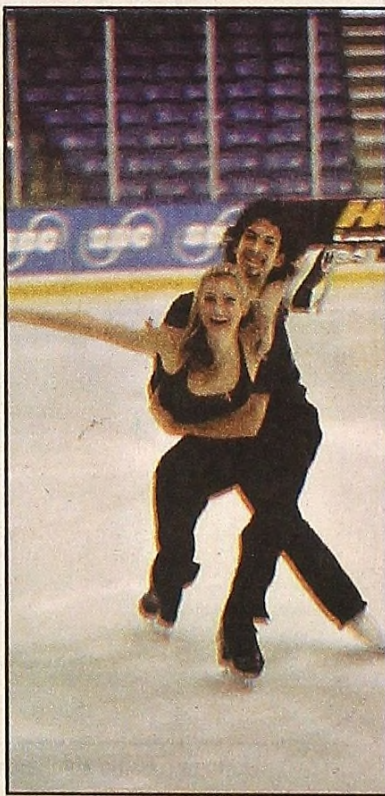
Three-time U.S. National Champions Tanith Belbin and Ben Agosto will head to Torino, Italy to compete in next month's 2006 Winter Olympic Games. File photo.

Canton.

Junior skating pair Kendra Moyle (Chelsea) and Andy Seitz, who also trains part-time in Canton with coach Adrienne Lenda, won the gold at nationals and has earned a chance to go to the 2006 World Junior Figure Skating Championships.

Clarification:

Our apologies to Ben Agosto for misspelling his last name in the headline and article in last week's edition.



League of their own Pros owner creates new basketball league

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Darryl Greene, the owner of the minor league basketball team the Detroit Pros, decided to exit the International Basketball League (IBL) and form his own professional league, the Professional Basketball Association (PBA).

Green will retain his rights and ownership of the Inkster-based Detroit Pros as he sets up shop for the PBA with the launch of the new international league expected some time in April of this year.

Why the change?

"Due to the difficulties of securing a venue by the league deadline for participation in 2006," Greene said, "coupled with the fact that I would not be granted my territorial rights by the IBL, I decided to take advantage of an opportunity to launch a new professional basketball league."

Green said that this year would be just an exhibition year for the PBA, consisting of just a handful of teams and about as many games.

"This won't be the official season," he said. "We're just trying to get the league out there. We need time to fully organize and put it together right."

He said next year there could be about 10 teams playing a full schedule. The season would also be preceded by a college entry draft for college players who have exhausted their college eligibility, a minor league draft for teams to

draft from other minor leagues and an international draft.

"One of the unique things about this league is that there will be actual players from overseas leagues looking to gain exposure in the United States," Greene said.

He also said the long-term goal would be to have the league games televised on Pay Per View.

Green hopes to use the Inkster Recreation Center as the Pros home court but a deal has not yet been finalized. Everything else concerning the Pros will remain the same, according to Greene. Inkster's Warren Woods will remain the head coach and he will have players such as hometown great Albert White on his roster.

However, there will be a few changes regarding the international rules used by IBL. The PBA will install the professional, not college, three-point line and a 24-second shot clock like the NBA instead of the IBL's 22-second clock. Games will consist of four 12-minute quarters and teams are only allowed one timeout per quarter like the IBL but, if unused, the timeout can be carried over to the next quarter.

Greene said there would be more entertainment at the games, too. At the first exhibition game this year there will be an Inkster-Robichaud alumni game at half time.

Green plans on keeping the ticket prices the same—\$5 for adults and \$3 for children under 12.



John Glenn's Jackie Wilson tips off against Wayne's Jeremy Lovelady in the rivalry teams' first Western Lakes Conference game.

Rockets blast Zebras

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Last Friday marked the start of the regular basketball season and what better way to get it going than with a tough rivalry match-up?

So there were John Glenn and Wayne—two struggling teams battling it out in the first league game of the season.

Glenn's 0-5 pre-conference start was deceiving as they thrashed the Zebras, 77-62, at home for their first victory.

The Rockets raced to a 24-9 first half lead and led by as

many as 28 points at the end of the third.

They led, 46-21, at the half and 65-37 after three before Wayne started to inch back in the final quarter. The Zebras outscored the Rockets, 25-12.

Earl Hardison led the Rockets with 18 and Wiley Roberts added 17. Justin Collop led the Zebras with 19, and John Hill added 15.

Wayne will host Walled Lake Northern at 7 p.m. on Friday and head to Franklin on Tuesday.

Glenn hosts Walled Lake Central at 7 p.m. on Tuesday.

Tigers maul Trojans, start league 2-0

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

It's still early in the season, but Belleville basketball coach Mike Krogel and his Tigers are one step closer to their goal of winning the Mega Red Conference.

His squad came away with a huge 58-38 victory last Friday against an above-average Monroe crew—the same Trojans that defeated Belleville's archrival Romulus in December.

"We try to go through the league one game at a time," he said, "but maybe this will send a message – especially after those two overtime losses that we suffered a couple weeks ago."

Belleville gave up more than 70 points in each of the overtime losses to East Grand Rapids and Lansing Sexton. Since then, they have tightened the tourniquet around that wound. In their last three games, the Tigers have only given up an average of about 36 points per game.

Against Monroe, Belleville only allowed 38 points.

Belleville raced to a 10-0 lead to start the first quarter and they traded baskets the rest of the way, finishing the eight minutes with a 17-8 advantage, according to Krogel.

The Tigers extended their lead, 24-11, with

three minutes left in the first half, but Monroe went on an 8-0 tear to close the gap, 24-19. Belleville's junior forward Anthony Wafer had two tip-ins at the end of the half to get the Tigers a nine-point lead, 28-19.

Belleville's struggles continued in the third—Monroe outscored them 13-9—but the Trojans never got closer than five points, according to Krogel. After 32 minutes of play, Belleville led the Trojans 37-32. Then in the fourth, Belleville scored the first seven points, taking a 44-32 lead. They outscored Monroe 14-6 the rest of the way for the victory. Senior forward Leon Freeman scored nine points in the final frame, which included going 7-of-8 from the charity stripe.

Freeman led all scorers with 27 and completed a double-double with 10 rebounds. He also had four steals. Junior guard Marius Williams added nine points and recorded three assists.

Ann Arbor Pioneer 38, Belleville 41

Freeman, Belleville's leading scorer, didn't play a complete game last Monday at home against Ann Arbor Pioneer and

scored just four points.

However, he found other ways to contribute in the 41-38 victory, according to Krogel. Freeman nabbed six rebounds and assisted on five baskets.

Pioneer looked like they were going to run away with the game at first. They jumped to a 7-0 lead until Belleville's defense tightened up and held them scoreless the rest of the way. Belleville finished the quarter with a 6-0 run but trailed, 7-6, at the end of the first session.

Belleville took control for the next two periods, scoring 17 in the second for a 23-15 lead at the half. They extended the lead to 13 points, 39-26, at the end of the third.

The fourth quarter would test the Tigers' resilience, though.

Belleville only managed to score two points in the final round. Pioneer scored 12 to close the gap, but the Tigers' defense was enough to hold off Ann Arbor and give them the 41-38 triumph.

Carlos Clark led the team with 15 points.

Belleville hosts Taylor Truman at 7 p.m. tomorrow and Dearborn Heights Robichaud 7 p.m. on Tuesday.

CITY OF ROMULUS NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING - DEMOLITION 05-02

Notice is hereby given that the Romulus City Council will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, February 6, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. Prevailing Eastern Time, in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174-1485, for the purpose of hearing objections to demolition and/or removal of debris on the herein described properties:

- 29056 Ecorse (Commercial Building and Metal Shed)** 01BB6B 7 8 PT OF SW 1/4 SEC 1 T3SR9E BEG S89DEG 51M 33S E 797.90FT FROM SW COR OF SEC 1 TH N0DEG 19M 35S E 656.85FT TH N89DEG 59M 53S E 183FT TH S0DEG 19M 35S W 657.29FT TH N89DEG 51M 33S W 183FT POB 2.76 AC
- 34580 McBride (Single-Family Residence and Garage)** 16F1D15 THAT PART OF THE N W 1/4 OF SEC 16 DES AS BEG AT A POINT ON THE E AND W 1/4 SECTION LINE DISTANT DUE EAST 859.02 FT FROM THE W 1/4 CORNER OF SEC 16 AND PROCEEDING TH DUE EAST ALONG SAID LINE 60 FT. TH DUE NORTH 334.24 FT. TH S 89D 48M 30SEC 60FT. TH DUE SOUTH 334.04 FT TO THE POB 0.46 ACRE
- 7262 Middlebelt (Single-Family Residence)** 11A35 To 38 LOTS 35 TO 38 INCL ECORSE CITY COMMUNITY SUB TS3 R9E L 56 P 39 40 WCR
- 6565 Wayne Road (Single-Family Residence)** 05Y7A PT OF SE 1/4 SEC 5 T3S R9E DESC AS BEG S89DEG 1 OM W 552.16FT AND S5DEG 41M W 694.46FT FROM E 1/4 COR SEC 5 TH S5DEG 41M W 100.63FT TH S89DEG 10M W 217.80FT TH NSDEG 41M E 100.63FT TH N89DEG 10M E 217.80FT. TO POB 0.50 AC
- 9464 Wayne Road (Single-Family Residence Including Wall in Front Yard)** 17A12A1 PT OF NE 1/4 OF SEC 17 T3S R9E DESC AS BEG S 1205.34FT FROM THE NE COR SEC 17 TH S 60.0FT TH N89DEG 58M 40S W 400.85FT TH N 59.85FT TH E 400.85FT TO POB EXC E 60FT THEREOF 0.46 AC
- 37424 Huron River Drive (Outbuilding)** 19A167B1 19A168A1 E2D1E2A THAT PART OF LOTS 167 AND 168 DESCRIBED AS BEG AT A POINT ON THE E LINE OF LOT 167 DISTANT N0D 04M 40SEC W 127.0 FT FROM THE SE COR OF LOT 167 AND PROC TH W 73.50 FT TH S 0D 14M 20SEC E 100 FT TH W ALONG THE N LINE OF HURON RIVER DR 127.43 FT TH N 0D 04M 40SEC W 120.0 FT TH W 6.0 FT TH N 0D 04M 40SEC W 116.0 FT TH E 207.0 FT TH S 0D 04M 40SEC E ALONG THE E LINE OF LOT 167 A DISTANCE OF 136.0 FT TO THE POB SUPERVISORS ROMULUS PLAT NO 9 T3S R9E L68 P55 WCR

Linda R. Choate, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan
734-942-7540

NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR ELECTION - TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2006 VAN BUREN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

To the Qualified Electors of CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF
VAN BUREN- WAYNE COUNTY
VAN BUREN PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT ONLY

Notice is hereby given that Monday, January 30, 2006 is the last day to register to vote or change your address for the above stated election.

If you are not currently registered to vote or have changed your address in the above stated jurisdiction in which you live, you may do so at the following locations and times listed in this notice.

Qualified electors may also register to vote or change their address in the following manners:

In Person:

- At the township clerk's office or at the office of any county clerk during normal business hours.
- At any of the Secretary of State Branch offices located throughout the state during normal business hours.
- At the specified agency for clients receiving services through the Family Independence Agency, the Department of Community Health, Michigan Jobs Commission and some offices of the Commission for the Blind.
- At the military recruitment offices for persons enlisting in the armed forces.

By Mail:

- By obtaining and completing a Mail Voter Registration Application and forwarding to the election official as directed on the application by the close of registration deadline. Mail voter registration applications may be obtained by contacting:
- JOANNIE D. PAYNE, CLERK
734.699.8909
46425 TYLER RD.
VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP, MI 48111

Qualifications for Registration

- Applicant is at least 18 years of age.
- Resident of Van Buren Township for at least 30 days.
- Citizen of the United States.

Note:

A Person who registers to vote by mail is required to vote in person unless they have previously voted in person in the city/township where they live or are at least 60 years of age or are handicapped.

Applications for Absentee Voter Ballots are available at the Clerk's Office. The deadline for filing an application to receive an Absentee Ballot for the February 28, 2006 Van Buren Public School Election is Saturday, February 25, 2006, from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Clerk's office.

Joannie D. Payne, CMC
Township Clerk

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 10, 2006

Supervisor King called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor Cindy King, Clerk Joannie Payne, Treasurer Sharry Budd, Trustee Phillip Hart, Trustee John Herman, Trustee Jeffery Jahr and Trustee Walter Rochowiak. Absent and excused: None. Others in attendance: Planning and Economic Development Director Bryce Kelley, Public Safety Director Gerald Champagne, Recreation and Facilities Director Bruce Ross, Planning and Zoning Administrator Steven Pugsley, Executive Assistant Susan Ireland, Secretary Kathleen Cline and an audience of eight (8).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Jahr moved, Budd seconded to approve the agenda as amended. Amendment under New Business Item # 3 "Consider transfer of remaining funds in the amount of \$59,850 from the Community Development Block Grant Program Demolition Category in the fiscal year 2003-2004 to a Homeowner Assistance Program within the Township's Community Development Block Grant Program Housing Revolving Loan Fund." Revised to read "Consider transfer of remaining funds in the amount of \$59,850 from the Community Development Block Grant Program Demolition Category in the fiscal year 2003-2004 to a Housing Rehabilitation Program within the Township's Community Development Block Grant Program Housing Revolving Loan Fund." Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: Herman moved, Payne seconded to open the public hearing to receive comment on the special assessment roll for the purpose of installing and maintaining streetlights in the common road rights of ways in Country Walk Condominiums Phases 1 and 2. Carried.

Supervisor King opened the public hearing and went to Director Kelley for an explanation. Director Kelley stated this is a program DTE Energy Company provides that is used to install and maintain street lighting. This development is located on Savage Road between Martinsville Road and Lenmoore. On December 20, 2005 the Township Board adopted a resolution establishing a special assessment district for installing and maintaining overhead street lighting for 177 units in Phase 1 and Phase 2 in the Country Walk Condominiums. Before the Board is the resolution approving and spreading the assessment roll over the benefited parcels of land within the development to be collected on a yearly basis via the property tax bill. The initial capital outlay will be \$78,601.65 to be paid by the developer. The initial annual amount of \$11,179.16 is to be spread among homes with an initial annual fee of \$63.16 per unit to be billed and collected with the winter property tax. Director Kelley addressed the questions raised during the first public hearing held in December 2005 as follows. 1) By approving the special assessment district for the DTE street lighting program the Township is only approving the manner in which DTE will be paid for the operation and continued maintenance of the streetlights. 2) If adopted the annual street lighting assessment will be billed and collected with the winter property tax and can be amended over time by the power company and/or the Township. Each of the 177 residential properties will be billed equal amounts. 3) An action to adopt the resolution by the Township is not an endorsement of the DTE program. The Township acknowledges that there are other methods in which to construct and operate a satisfactory street light system. 4) It is however the experience of the Township staff that this is an economical and dependable system. The homeowners are not exposed to the retail cost of replacing light poles, electric transformers and buried wiring; the complete system is covered by the annual lamp (maintenance fee). 5) While the installation and perpetual maintenance of street lights in the development is required by the Township's ordinances and is a condition of approval for the Country Walk development, the particular method, type and installation of the street lighting system is completely up to the discretion of the developer and if appropriate the homeowners association. 6) The capital cost of \$78,601.65 for the DTE street light program for Country Walk phases 1 and 2 has been paid by the developer and will not be billed to the homeowners.

Supervisor King requested Director Kelley explain any discussions with the homeowners since the December 20th Board meeting. Director Kelley stated he received an email from one of the homeowners which summarized the street light process and that this individual now understood it. Further, he has had several conversations with the president of the homeowners association who stated the majority of the residents are in favor of the program. The Township has not received any objections from Country Walk homeowners.

There were no comments from the Board or the audience.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made to close the public hearing.

Hart moved, Rochowiak seconded to close the public hearing. Carried.

Budd moved, Hart seconded to open the public hearing to present and discuss possible projects for the fiscal year 2006 – 2007 Community Development Block Grant Program. Carried.

Supervisor King opened the public hearing and went to Planning and Zoning Administrator Pugsley for an explanation. Administrator Pugsley stated this is the second of two public hearings regarding the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. The three national objectives for projects are: to benefit low/moderate income persons, prevent or eliminate slum and/or blight and to meet urgent community needs. The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) objectives of the CDBG program are for the development of viable communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities. Since the public hearing held at the December 20, 2005 Board meeting the request from Clerk Payne for ADA compliant door bell assistance for polling locations has been forwarded to the Wayne County for further review. In addition, a request was received for a Home Owners Assistance Program. Administrator Pugsley stated there is \$59,850 remaining in the Demolition Program Category for fiscal year 2003-2004 that could be transferred into another category namely a Home Owners Assistance Program if approved by the Board. Based on discussion at the Work Study meeting held January 9, 2006 additional research on a Home Owners Assistance Program will be conducted and brought back to the Township Board at a future date.

Administrator Pugsley discussed the proposed list of projects for the current year as

follows: Community Services (camp programs); Senior Services (bus and Senior Services Administrator); Public Safety (road patrols in designated areas); Planning (master plan update); and Administration. Also, there is Housing Rehabilitation in the amount of \$50,000 (County wide program for low/moderate income families for assistance for home repairs). The estimated funding level for the 2006 – 2007 fiscal year is \$182,000. The fiscal year begins on July 1, 2006.

Supervisor King clarified that the \$50,000 for Housing Rehabilitation is separate from the \$59,850 to be reprogrammed from the fiscal year 2003-2004 to Housing Rehabilitation Program.

There were no comments from the Board or the audience.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made to close the public hearing.

Jahr moved, Payne seconded to close the public hearing. Carried.

MINUTES: Rochowiak moved, Budd seconded to approve the Work Study Session Minutes of December 19, 2005 as presented. Carried.

Payne moved, Hart seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of December 20, 2005 as amended. Correction under "New Business" on page 2 the last paragraph the fourth line from the bottom "Designated General Fund Balance" should read "Designated Special Revenue Fund Balance". Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor King presented Chesley Odom with a Proclamation honoring him.

Supervisor King stated she had received a telephone call recognizing Environmental Director Swallow for his work on the Emerald Ash Tree removal program.

Supervisor King stated a resident had expressed thanks to the Public Safety Department particularly Sergeant Yono on his professional during traffic enforcement stop.

A letter from the City of Belleville Mayor Fielder thanking the Water and Sewer Department and specifically Mario Pinard for his assistance during a recent water main break.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Jahr moved, Herman seconded to approve Resolution 2006-01 approving and spreading the special assessment roll for the purpose of installing and maintaining streetlights in the common road rights of ways in Country Walk Condominiums Phases 1 and 2. Carried.

Payne moved, Budd seconded to approve the proposed activities for Community Development Block Grant funding for the fiscal year 2006 – 2007 in the proposed amount of \$182,000. Carried.

Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the transfer of remaining funds in the amount of \$59,850 from the Community Development Block Grant Program Demolition Category in the fiscal year 2003-2004 to a Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program within the Township's Community Development Block Grant Program Housing Revolving Loan Fund. Carried.

Hart moved, Payne seconded to adopt Resolution 2006-02 the Poverty Exemption Guidelines. Carried.

Rochowiak moved, Hart seconded to adopt Resolution 2006-03 the Annual Block Party and Road Closure Permit. Carried.

Payne moved, Herman seconded to approve the authorization of the Supervisor to sign the 2006 Wayne County Annual Permit number A- 40045 A. Carried.

Hart moved, Payne seconded to adopt Resolution 2006-04 the Performance Resolution and to designate the Supervisor and/or Clerk as the authorized officials to sign permits for the Department of Transportation. Carried.

VOUCHER LIST: Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the January 10, 2006 voucher list as presented. Carried.

REPORTS: Supervisor King ordered the November 2005 Public Safety and November 2005 Budgetary Reports received and filed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Township Administrative offices will be closed on Monday, January 16th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

The Recreation Department announced the following events: The 11th Annual Daddy Daughter Dance will be held on Friday, February 10th from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. and on Saturday, February 11th two dances will be held a matinee from 4:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. and from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Summer Camp program registration will begin on Monday, March 6th. For more information on programs or events contact the Recreation Department at 699.8921.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): None.

CLOSED SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Rochowiak moved, Herman seconded to adjourn at 8:19 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Joannie D. Payne, CMC
Township Clerk

Cindy C. King
Supervisor

Publish: January 19, 2006

THE SCENE

HOODWINKED

Film is a good idea, poorly done

What do you get when you combine *Little Red Riding Hood* and *CSI*?

An animated tale that features a different take on some popular characters but doesn't quite live up to its potential.

Hoodwinked, directed by Cory Edwards, uses the classic tale of *Little Red Riding Hood* – sort of – as a launching point for a crime movie that unravels a plot to destroy a forest.

We all know how the classic tale ends, with *Red Riding Hood* suspicious of a wolf disguised as her grandmother and saved at the last instant by a heroic woodsman.

That's how *Hoodwinked* starts, but, as the narrator informs us, there's more to every tale than meets the eye.

It's soon up to Chief Grizzly (voiced by the rapper, Xhibit) to discover why he was called to Granny's house to find Granny (Glenn Close), Red (Anne Hathaway), a wolf (Patrick Warburton) and a Woodsman (James Belushi). There's a larger crime going on, too, everyone in the forest is on the lookout for the goodie bandit, who has been stealing all sorts of recipes recently. Is one of these four the bandit? That's for Grizzly to figure out, and he's aided by a smooth-talking private detective named Nicky Flippers, a large and very classy frog.

He asks each of the main characters to tell their version of the days' events and we find there is more to everyone than we initially thought. Red isn't content being a baked goods delivery person; she wants to see the world. The Wolf isn't such a bad guy, in fact he's an undercover reporter assigned to the goodie bandit story. Granny – or Triple G – is fond of extreme sports. And the woodsman is actually an out-of-work actor that drives a Schnitzel Truck.

The premise is a good one and there are a few laughs sprinkled throughout the film. There are a few characters with promise, too – such as a mountain goat cursed to communicate only through song or a squirrel that talks so fast the best way to understand him is to record his sentences and play them back at half speed.

There are some good bits of dialogue, too. Hathaway is nice as Red. Warburton of television's *The Tick* 'fame' does a good job as the lackadaisical and sarcastic wolf.

Reviewed By
Scott Spielman
Editor



Squirrel talk is cool

I liked this movie. It was pretty funny. Little Red Riding Hood (Anne Hathaway) was one of my favorite characters. She talked good and I think she would make a good big sister. She was a good singer, too.

I liked the part when the mine car went through all the tunnels and Red and Boingo (Andy Dick) took the cable car up the mountain. That must've been scary.

The singing goat was OK and the squirrel talked very funny. Dina-meet-ay!

Kid's Corner

By Henry Spielman



The film tapers off when it should be picking up speed, though, when the not-so-surprising revelation of who the goodie bandit is. It doesn't do much to maintain anyone's interest – young or old –

after that.

The computer animation doesn't meet up with industry standards, either, which leaves me to wonder: why was this film necessary?

Glory Road

Movie tackles topic of racial equality in sports

Think about this for a second: No Michael Jordan. No Magic vs. Bird. No Isiah Thomas. No LeBron James.

If the landscape of the sports world stayed the way it was about 50 years ago, many people might not even know who some of those great players listed above were.

A couple of those guys, Jordan and Magic Johnson, have said that if it weren't for a certain occurrence, they might have never even touched the hardwood. That occurrence was put on the big screen in the form of Jerry Bruckheimer's *Glory Road*.

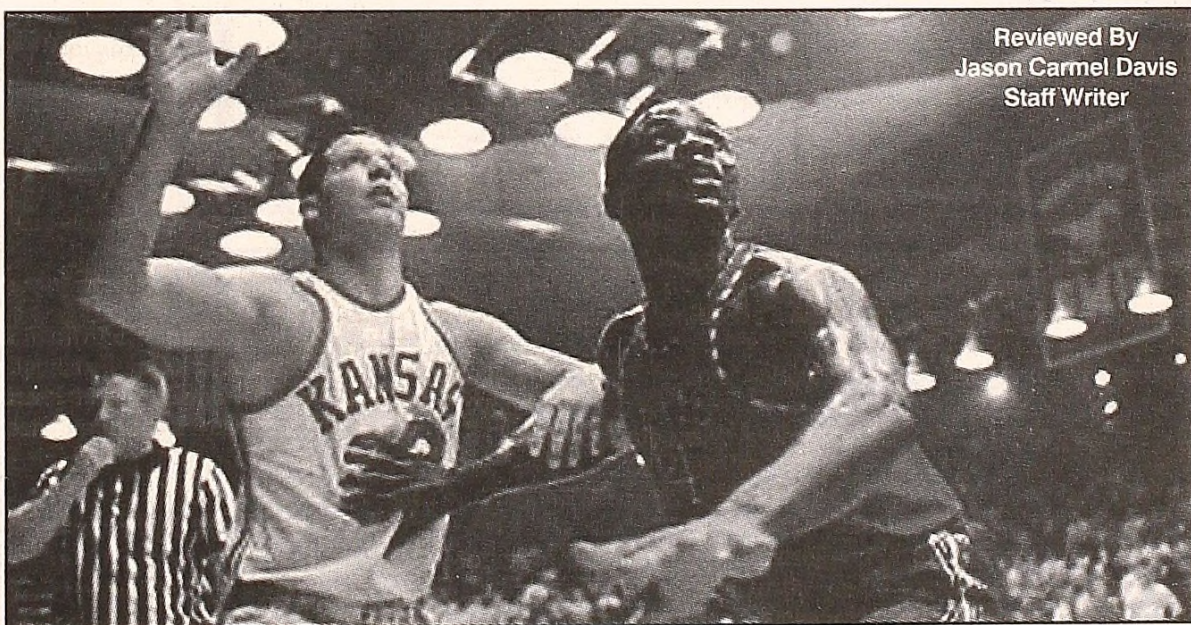
Bruckheimer—the king of the blowout action flick—puts the bombs and bullets away to tell the story of a college basketball team that made history.

Forty years ago, Texas Western College—now the University of Texas at El Paso—made history. Not in the class-

room, but on the basketball court. Under the guidance of Coach Don Haskins, his team of seven black players and five white players did the unimaginable. They won an NCAA National Championship.

That is only part of the story. The real story is how strangers of different races and backgrounds from Illinois, Missouri, New York, and Detroit converged on the desert town of El Paso, Texas for the opportunity to show other schools—schools that didn't see what Coach Haskins could—what real basketball is all about.

Released the weekend before the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, *Glory Road* depicts the struggles and hardships the black players had to endure at the height of the civil rights movement. Race-motivated assaults, derogatory epithets, and vandalism were but a few of the distractions Texas



Reviewed By
Jason Carmel Davis
Staff Writer

Western had to contend with as their national prominence grew.

But, in El Paso, race was not an issue. Nine years earlier, in 1955, the school was the first in the state of Texas to integrate the undergraduate class. The problem wasn't academics. It was getting W's. The school's hoop squad needed a sideline general.

Coach Haskins, played by Josh Lucas, is a by-the-book man as well as loving father and husband. But on the basketball court it's, "my way or the high-way." Like most coaches, he stresses defense and rebounding as the keys to the game. But

when one of his prospects, Nevil Shed (Al Shearer), plays matador defense and isn't strong on the boards, Haskins dismisses him. Shed returns the next day with more fire and intensity, and a willingness to do whatever it takes to win.

Derek Luke, the star of *Antwone Fisher*, is the team's point guard, Bobby Joe Hill. He is a bit of a showboat and his Harlem Globetrotter theatrics don't fit his coach's style. This, plus his lack of respect for the coach's policy about late night parties and females, is a sure-fire way to be the most detested member on the squad. But Hill is a natural-born leader and the

man is quick to realize that Haskins' coaching strategy is not absolute. His suggestion to let the team play their style of ball is the key to winning or losing.

In the realm of basketball-related sports dramas, *Hoosiers* is at the top of the heap. Not surprisingly, *Glory Road* is another "based on a true story" tale that is worth a look. Even though it was normal to see a black player on a college team, it was the fact Coach Haskins played only his seven black players in the championship game against the all-white

See *Glory*, page 12

THE SCENE

Seussical the Musical

Production opens tonight in Canton

Kevin Hill
Staff Writer

Emily Sherman may be speaking in rhymes for a long time.

The director of Ever After Productions Youth Theater in Canton has been running rehearsals for “Seussical: The Musical,” since September.

She said that, early on, she had to remind younger members of the cast—which includes 70 actors 6 to 18 years old—not to improvise.

“You have to say it the way it’s written or it doesn’t rhyme,” she said, laughing.

No worries now. The troop has been in dress rehearsals all week and is prepared to debut the show at 7 p.m. tonight at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

“It’s a lot of the Dr. Seuss stories rolled all into one,” explained Sherman. The basic plotline comes from *Horton Hears a Who!*, in which the elephant Horton tries to save all the citizens of Who-ville.

But several other characters from the Seuss books make an appearance: the *Cat in the Hat*, played by Josh Kaufman, narrates the complex and non-stop show.

This show, which opened on Broadway

in 2000, had several challenges, not the least of which was the demanding book.

“There’s so much (more) music, so much singing and dancing than in past shows,” said Sherman.

Music genres shift from one song to the next; because of the heavy rock element of the show, Sherman has moved the drums from the pit onto the stage.

Another trick was that there are no curtains in the show—except for intermission, there is no break between scenes. That means even the stage crew will get into the act, donning blue wigs as they shift props.

“The audience is a part of the show,” she said. “The Cat and kids will be out in the audience.”

“It’s just fascinating to see those characters come alive on stage,” said Sherman.

“Seussical: The Musical” opens tonight and continues until Tuesday. Performances take place at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. There is also a 2 p.m. matinee on Saturday matinee and a 3 p.m. Sunday performance. Tickets are \$10 for all ages.

The Village Theater is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton Township. For tickets call (734) 394-5460.

Glory

FROM PAGE 11

Kentucky Wildcats, it was the most important college basketball game ever played.

While boosters and alumni objected to the use of “colored boys” as prominent players on the basketball squad, the coach did not back down. And over the course of the 1966 season those 12 men who walked into the confines of the Texas Western gymnasium as strangers built friendships not based on color, but rather on the respect they had for each other.

Most basketball enthusiasts know that Haskins’ squad beat Adolph Rupp’s Kentucky team in the championship game. Rupp was known not only as a great coach, but as a coach who refused to recruit black players.

That made Texas Western’s win that much sweeter.

The team’s win changed the course of sports history. This film adequately tells the story of the personnel that made up a group that went 25-1 during their title run.

Who knows, if Haskins’ guys didn’t win, there might not have been a Fab Five, which means players could still be wearing Speedos on the court.

THE CITY OF ROMULUS

REQUEST TO RECEIVE BIDS FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Bid 05/06-24 - One (1) 2006, 4-Door, 4x4 SUV

Bid 05/06-23 - Four (4) 2006,

Extended Cab, 2WD, Work Trucks

The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking bids from qualified vendors for the above item/s and/or service/s.

- (1) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit bids **must do so on forms provided by the City.** Bid forms and specifications may be obtained from Lynn A, Conway, Purchasing Coordinator, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan, by calling (734) 955-4568 or by emailing Iconway@ci.romulus.mi.us

(2) Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes and returned to the City Clerk's Office no later than 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 24, 2006. At that time said bids would be publicly opened and read.

BID ENVELOPES MUST BE CLEARLY MARKED WITH THE BID NUMBER AND NAME AND BE ADDRESSED TO:

BID #
CITY OF ROMULUS CLERK'S OFFICE
11111 Wayne Road,
Romulus, Michigan, 48174

- (3) The right is reserved to reject any and all bids and proposals and to waive technicalities.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN

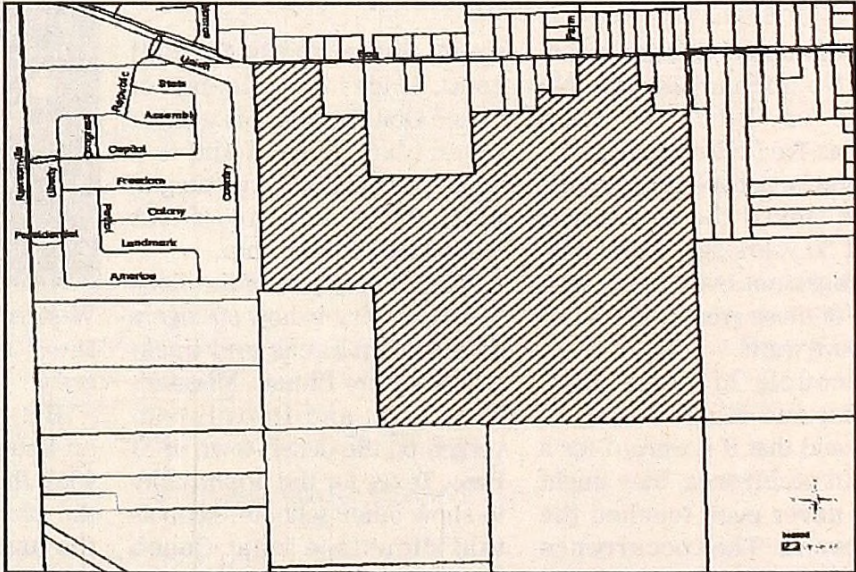
PLANNING COMMISSION

PUBLIC HEARING

The Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday January 25, 2006 at 7:30 p.m., in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, Michigan

The Public Hearing relates to the following described property:

Parcel tax ID numbers V125-83-120-99-0005-703. This property is located on the south side of Bog Road, west of Rawsonville Road and east of Hoeft Road. A map indicating the location of the subject site is included below.



The applicant is requesting special use approval. A special use approval is required for a Planned Residential Development per Section 4.46 of the Zoning Ordinance. Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00p.m., on January 25, 2006.

In the spirit of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Department of Developmental Services at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.

Posted: January 19, 2006
Publish: January 19, 2006

CITY OF ROMULUS

NOTICE OF LETTING

BID NUMBER 05/06-26

CITY OWNED PROPERTY

Sealed Bids will be received in the office of the City Clerk, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174-1485 until 2:00 p.m. Prevailing Eastern Time on February 17, 2006. Bids will be opened at 2:15 p.m. on February 17, 2006 in the City of Romulus Community Room. (lower level).

FOR SALE CITY OWNED PROPERTY

PARCEL NUMBER	STREET LOCATION	LOT SIZE
80 044 01 0744 303	MIDDLEBELT	140 x 40
80 044 01 0762 300	FARNUM	150 x 130
80 044 01 0812 300	FARNUM	115 x 135
80 044 01 0826 000	HOLLYWOOD	40 x 135
80 044 01 0853 000	HOLLYWOOD	40 x 135
80 044 01 0898 002	DODGE	60 x 135
80 044 01 0966 000	KEMPA	82 x 135
80 044 01 1020 301	SMITH	125 x 100
80 044 01 1217 300	HOLLYWOOD	90 x 135
80 044 01 1260 300	DODGE	80 x 135
80 044 01 1269 000	DODGE	40 x 135
80 044 01 1336 300	KEMPA	130 x 135
80 044 01 1354 300	KEMPA	40 x 105
80 044 01 1365 000	KENWOOD	40 x 135
80 044 02 1757 000	FARNUM	40 x 135
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NOTICE OF LETTING

BID NUMBER 05/06-26

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Sealed Bids will be received in the office of the City Clerk, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174-1485 until 2:00 p.m. Prevailing Eastern Time on February 17, 2006. Bids will be opened at 2:15 p.m. on February 17, 2006 in the City of Romulus Community Room. (lower level).

FOR SALE CITY OWNED PROPERTY

PARCEL NUMBER	STREET LOCATION	LOT SIZE
80 044 01 0744 303	MIDDLEBELT	140 x 40
80 044 01 0762 300	FARNUM	150 x 130
80 044 01 0812 300	FARNUM	115 x 135
80 044 01 0826 000	HOLLYWOOD	40 x 135
80 044 01 0853 000	HOLLYWOOD	40 x 135
80 044 01 0898 002	DODGE	60 x 135
80 044 01 0966 000	KEMPA	82 x 135
80 044 01 1020 301	SMITH	125 x 100
80 044 01 1217 300	HOLLYWOOD	90 x 135
80 044 01 1260 300	DODGE	80 x 135
80 044 01 1269 000	DODGE	40 x 135
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1. Obituaries

SANTURE, Conrad Albert
"Connie"
Passed away Saturday, January 14, 2006 at Genesys Hospice in Goodrich, Michigan. He was born December 9, 1935 a son of Albert C. and Mildred (Smith) Santure. On August 23, 1985 he was married to Barbara M. Kost at St. John Evangelical Church in Westland. He moved to Linden from Coldwater in 2001.

Mr. Santure proudly served his country in the U.S. Air Force. He was raised in the Belleville area. During his lifetime he enjoyed hunting, fishing and golf, but most of all he enjoyed his family. Prior to his retirement on January 1, 1991 he had been employed by T.W.A. as a ramp supervisor for 35 years.

Mr. Santure is survived by his beloved wife of 20 years, Barbara. Dear father of Lawrence (Leona) Santure and Marvin Santure. Ford grandfather of Leo Santure. Step-father of Robin Rasbeck and Robert (Shelley) Kost. Step grandfather to 8 grandchildren & 7 great grandchildren. Preceded in death by his first wife Charlotte, son Kenneth and brothers, Donald and Robert. Funeral services were held at Higginson & Neal Funeral Home, 209 Main St., Belleville.

Memorial contributions are urged to Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, Grand Central Station, P.O. Box 4777, New York, NY 10163.

YOUNTS, Shirley, 61 of Van Buren Twp. (Shirley's U-Cut Christmas Tree Farm) passed away January 12, 2006. She is survived by her husband, Jerry Younts, daughters Sherrie (Todd) Raines of Romulus, Donna (Randy) Linderman of Romulus, and Brenda (Mike) Jaynes of Livonia, and six grandchildren, Jason (Teri), Jeremy, Kyle, Ayla, Heather and Jennifer. A life memorial time is planned for Shirley on Saturday, January 21 from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM at Romulus Wesleyan Church, 37300 Goddard Rd., Romulus (at five points).

The family requests that no flowers be brought or sent. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that if the need is felt that something be sent in Shirley's honor, a donation be sent to the Hospice of your choice.

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59. Auctions

Notice of Public Sale
On Thursday, Jan. 26, 2006 at 11:00AM, U-Stor-It
28266 Ecorse Rd, Romulus, MI 48174 with reserve, will sell by the unit to the highest bidder by CASH all rights, title and interest to the following

6. Legal Notice

LEGAL NOTICE J.S. Vig Construction Company

The J. S. Vig Construction Company has been selected as the Construction Manager for the new Romulus Recreation Center facility, and is soliciting bid proposals from qualified subcontractors for the **building demolition and structural steel bid scopes only** at this time. Specifications and drawings are available at our office for your use. A \$40.00 refundable deposit is required for each set of documents. Bid proposals are due **Friday, January 27, 2006 at 2:00 p.m.** at J. S. Vig Construction Company 16650 Racho Road, in Taylor, MI (734) 283-3002. Bids can be submitted via fax, mail or hand delivery.

property:
Karla MacDonald-A9:
Furniture, boxes, misc.

Barbara Scott-C15:
China cabinet, totes, misc.

Eric Jartz-E10:
Tool boxes, speakers, misc.

Timothy Lea-E59:
Furniture, boxes, misc.

DEARBORN HEIGHTS POLICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at public auction on JANUARY 25, 2006 at 1:00 PM at Dalton Towing, 27218 Currier, Dearborn Heights, MI 48125 (313-299-9727):

1985 Dodge 4 Dr
1B3BX68E1FN186281
1997 Chevrolet SW
1GNDM19W7VB170751
1986 Ford PU
1FTEF14NXGNA41751
1994 Jeep SW
1J4FJ68S9RL133541
1987 Mercury 2 Dr
1MEBM6031HH669061
1988 Toyota 2 Dr
JT2EL36ZXJ0180201
1988 Ford 2 Dr
KNJBT06K6J614151
1984 Chrysler Convertible
1C3BC55E7EG263932
1984 Chevrolet SW
1G8CS18B6E0127923
1993 Chevrolet PU
1GCCT19Z3P0103063
1988 Oldsmobile 4 Dr
1G3CW51C2J4327804
1988 Ford 4 Dr
1FAPP36X9JK209314
2000 Chevrolet 4 Dr
1G1ND52J8Y6162974
1987 Mercury 2 Dr
1MEBP92F7GH701185
1992 Ford 2 Dr
1FAPP1288NW184505
1996 Pontiac 4 Dr
1G2HX52K7TH211085
1991 Ford 4 Dr
1FAPP14J4MW399006
1992 Pontiac 2 Dr
1G2NE14N2NC228126
1990 Pontiac 4 Dr
1G2HX54C9L1254146
1996 Dodge 4 Dr
2B3HD56F3TH265657
1989 Dodge 4 Dr
1B3BA56K7KF540068
1996 Chevrolet 4 Dr
1G1LD5540TY106358
1992 Saturn 4 Dr
1G8ZH5592NZ269358
1991 Jeep 4 Dr

1J4FJ78S4ML562438
1996 Chevrolet 4 Dr
1G1JF52T6T7188678
1994 Mercury 4 Dr
3MARM10J4RR636668
1989 Chevrolet SW
2GBEG25K8K4130528
2005 Ford 4 Dr
1FMDK01185GA00499
1994 Ford 2 Dr
1FAPP60T4MH165649
1993 Mercury 4 Dr
2MEPM36X0PB637289
1986 GMC PU
1GTDG14H4GJ530149
1992 Infiniti 4 Dr
JNKNG01C5NM212689
1994 Chrysler 4 Dr
2C3EL56T2RH196760
1993 Chevrolet 4 Dr
2G1WL54T0P9197820
1990 Lincoln 4 Dr
1LNCCM81F7LY797190
1992 Chevrolet 2 Dr
1G1JC144XN7287790
1989 GMC PU
1GTDC142ZKE536400
1994 Pontiac 4 Dr
1G2HX52L8R4228860

Note: The bidding will start at the towing and storage charges.
Note: Cars might not be at this lot for viewing.

On January 28, 2006, the Van Buren Township Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded and abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin at 10:00am, at J&T Towing and Storage, 237 Industrial Dr., Belleville, MI, County of Wayne, where the following will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

1983 Cadillac 2 Dr
1G6AB6988D9111636
44-1080-05
1982 Cadillac 4 Dr
1G6AG69GXCC422530
44-1083-05
1985 Honda 4 Dr
1HGAD7437FA056253
44-1085-05
1985 Jeep SW
1JCWB7826FT180464
44-1086-05
1995 Ford PU
1FTDF15Y4SLB58251
44-1094-05
1997 Chevrolet 4 Dr
2G1WL52M2V113290
44-1101-05

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1991 Mercury 2 Dr
1MEPM6040MH662420
44-1114-05
1993 Ford PU
1FTCR14U6PPA41790
44-1115-05
1996 Dodge 4 Dr
1B3HD46T9TF113075
44-1139-05
1992 Ford 2 Dr
1FAPP31X3NK191437
44-1156-05
1995 Mercury 4 Dr
1MELM5046SG635377
44-1162-05
1988 Oldsmobile 4 Dr
2G3AM5137J9359092
44-1081-05
1994 Ford 2 Dr
1FALP6248RH136621
44-947-05
1989 Mercury 2 Dr
WF1BT80W4KM614282
44-1166-05
1987 Chevrolet ST
1GNEV16K3HF100695
44-1167-05

Upon completion, the auction will move to Great Lakes Towing and Storage, 42350 Van Born Rd., Belleville, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

1984 Mercury 2 Dr
1MEBP9235EH717081
44-1052-05
1993 Ford 4 Dr
1FACP5348PG168092
44-1071-05
1996 Dodge 4 Dr
3B3ES47C9TT200911
44-1096-05
1992 Geo 2 Dr
J81RF2363N7565953
44-1107-05
2004 Dodge 4 Dr
1B3EL36R44N241350
44-1121-05
1991 Ford 2 Dr
1FAPP11J7MW282587
44-1144-05
1994 Chevrolet PU
1GNDT13W3R0142538
44-1149-05
1989 Fruehauf TR
1H2V04821KH015265
44-1153-05
1973 TR TR
N33623
44-1154-05
1979 Budd TR
175193E
44-1155-05

1997 Chevrolet 4 Dr
1G1JC54T1R7275905
44-1158-05
1988 Toyota 2 Dr
JT2ST67C2J7275549
44-1165-05
1983 Lincoln 4 Dr
1LNBP96F3DY608795
44-1168-05
1992 Pontiac 2 Dr
1G2NE1439PM539080
44-1169-05

All vehicles are sold in "as is" condition. Bidding on all impounded vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

Michigan StatePolice Dept.

The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at public auction, January 25, 2006 at 10:00 AM, at:

J & M Towing
8964 Inkster Rd.
Romulus, MI

1999 Dodge
2B4GP44G8XR426698
1992 Saturn
1G8ZK5479NZ175480
1991 Pontiac
1G2FS2314ML210860
2002 Ford
1FTZR45E32PB52227
1994 Honda
KMHJF23M3SU777664

Please Note: The bidding will start at the towing and storage charges.

The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at public auction on January 25, 2006 at 11:00 AM at: J & M Towing
8964 Inkster Rd.
Romulus, MI 48174

1992 Geo
1Y1SK5466NZ008438
1995 Pontiac
1GZNV55D4SC725748

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AUTO AUCTION
J & T Crova Towing
36573 Grant St.
Romulus, MI 48174
(734) 941-0221

JANUARY 25, 2006 AT 9:00 AM

1987 Olds 88
1G3HY5439H1830432
1977 Olds Cutlass
3M57R7M342584
1990 Lincoln Continental
1LNLM9845LY633513
1992 Ford Ranger
1FTCR14U4NPA68161
1985 Honda Moped
JH2AF0600FS145473*
1992 Chevy Van
2GCGG39JXN4143605*
1986 Cadillac 4 Dr
1G6CD6980G4320793
1995 Ford 4 Dr
1FALP52U3SG228824*
GMC 3500 Dump
TCY333S506463*
1993 Chevy Astro
1GNDM19Z7PB216625
1992 Chevy Caprice
1G1BL53E9NR141049*
1992 Ford T-Bird
1FALP62W2SH198152*
1989 Honda Accord
1HGCA5636KA059058
1986 GMC Pickup
3GTCW80HXGS801280

These vehicles were towed by the Romulus Police

* Reposted - Corrected VINS

AUTO AUCTION
The following vehicles will be sold at auction on January 24, 2006 at 10:00 AM at Mac's Auto Service, 2011 Lotz Rd., Canton, MI 48187:

1989 Ford Pickup
1FTHX25H5KKA64933
1996 Ford Probe
1ZVLT20A4T5115858
1987 Ford Aerostar
1FMCA11U1HZB09717
1999 Dodge Durango
1B4HR28Y8XF622607
1995 Ford Explorer
1FMDU34X3SUA88063
1996 Ford Contour
3FALP6538TM126600
1997 Ford Pickup
1FTDX1760VNA92976
1996 Ford Ranger
1FTCR10A7TUC84645
1997 Infiniti
JNKCA21D3VT520270
1995 Ford Explorer
1FMDU34X1SUC18437

CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On JANUARY 24, 2006 the Westland Police Department will conduct public auctions of impounded abandoned vehicles. The first auction will begin promptly at 10:00am at Westland Service Towing, 300 S. Newburgh, Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

1990 GMC Jimmy 4x4
StWgn Gray
1GKCT18Z5L0508213
1992 Chevy Van
White
2GBEG25K5N4131432
1990 Cadillac DeVille
4 Dr Black
1G6CD5339L4351431
1994 Ford Tempo
2 Dr White
1FAPP31X8RK129361
1995 Ford Escort
2 Dr Blue
1FASP11J4SW220006
1988 Buick Lesabre
4 Dr Burgundy
1G4HR54C0JH415229

The second auction will begin promptly at 11:00am

at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

1992 Dodge Sprint
4 Dr Tan
1B3XA46K1NF10391
1994 Ford Escort
4 Dr Purple
3FARP13J5RR130615
1988 Toyota 4 Runner
4 Dr White
JT3GM84R5W0023345
1987 Buick
4 Dr Burgundy
1G4HR5438HH488746
1986 Jeep Cherokee
StWgn Gray
1JCHD7413GT029647
1993 Chrysler LeBaron
2 Dr White
1C3XU4132PF550542
1998 Ford Taurus
4 Dr White
1FAPP52S5WG263592

All vehicles are sold in "as is" condition. Bidding on all vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

30 DAY NOTICE OF AUCTION
Due to unknown ownership, 30 day notice is hereby given that the vehicles listed below will be auctioned after FEBRUARY 18, 2006 unless they are claimed by the owners prior to that time:

1995 Ford Contour
4 Dr Tan
1FALP6530SK138391
1997 Geo Metro
2 Dr White
2GMR2294V6753024
1993 Infiniti J30
4 Dr Black
JNKAY21D8PM006379

Public Auto Auction
Wed., January 25, 2006
8:00 AM
Westland Service Towing
300 S. Newburgh
Westland, MI 48186

1991 Mercury Tracer Wgn
3MAPM15J1MR630772
1994 Ford Aerostar
1FMCA11U7RZB25485
1995 Cad. Eldorado 4Dr
1G6ET1295SU609291
1991 Eagle Talon 2Dr
4E3CT64U7ME026245

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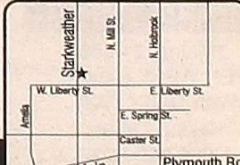
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From left: Mushroom Bruschetta, Spicy Beef and Mushroom Brochettes, and Cream Cheese and Prosciutto Stuffed Mushrooms

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For more recipes and information, visit www.montereymushrooms.com, www.canolainfo.org and www.magicseasonings.com.

Mushroom Bruschetta

- 1 baguette
- Canola oil for brushing on baguette
- 1/2 cup canola oil, divided
- 4 cups Monterey White or Brown Mushrooms, quartered
- 1/2 cup diced onion
- 1 teaspoon Chef Paul Prudhomme's Vegetable Magic
- 1 tablespoon Chef Paul Prudhomme's Herbal Pizza and Pasta Magic
- 2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 1/4 cup Parmesan cheese
- 1 medium tomato, diced
- 1/4 cup red wine vinegar

Preheat oven to broil. Slice baguette, place on baking sheet. Brush with canola oil. Broil until lightly browned.

In large sauté pan, heat 1/4 cup canola oil. Sauté mushrooms and onions 5 minutes. Add vegetable seasoning blend. Cook 5 minutes longer. Cool mushroom mixture.

In large mixing bowl, combine pizza and pasta seasoning blend, garlic, cheese, tomatoes and cooled mushroom mixture. Add remaining 1/4 cup canola oil and red wine vinegar. Serve chilled on toasted baguettes.

Yield: 3 cups

Spicy Beef and Mushroom Brochettes

- 1 pound top sirloin beef, cut into 1-inch cubes
- 30 Monterey White or Brown Mushrooms
- 1 red pepper, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1 green pepper, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1/2 cup canola oil
- 2 tablespoons Chef Paul Prudhomme's Blackened Steak Magic

Place all ingredients in plastic resealable bag. Mix well. Place in refrigerator and marinate minimum 1 hour up to overnight. Stir occasionally.

Thread beef cubes, mushrooms and peppers alternately onto skewers. Cover and refrigerate until ready to cook. Discard any remaining marinade.

Grill over medium heat, turning several times until peppers and mushrooms are browned and beef is done (approximately 8 to 10 minutes). Serve hot.

Yield: 3 cups

Cream Cheese and Prosciutto Stuffed Mushrooms

- 25 to 30 small Monterey White Mushrooms, cleaned, stems removed and reserved
- 3 tablespoons canola oil
- 1 small onion, finely diced
- 2 teaspoons Chef Paul Prudhomme's Vegetable Magic
- 1 teaspoon Chef Paul Prudhomme's Meat Magic
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 6 slices prosciutto, finely chopped
- 8 ounces cream cheese, softened

Finely chop reserved mushroom stems. In sauté pan, heat canola oil. Add chopped mushroom stems, onion, seasonings and garlic. Sauté 5 minutes. Add prosciutto. Continue to sauté 5 minutes more. Turn heat to low and add cream cheese. Stir until mixture is well blended. Remove from heat and allow mixture to cool slightly.

Preheat oven to 350°F. Generously stuff each mushroom cap and place in baking dish. Bake 15 to 20 minutes. Finish under broiler until tops are golden.

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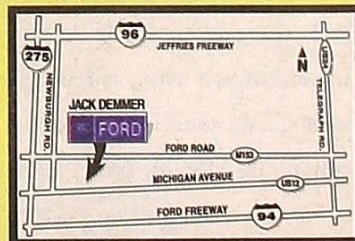
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